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DISK DRIVE MAGNETIC HEAD ARM ASSEMBLY BY  
WELDING SPECIFIC COMPONENTS  
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks below are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2006 and further to the Advisory Action dated February 5, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.